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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

My self-employment business is highly dependent on connecting with my clients and with finding new clients through my web site that I host on a Sonic dual-DSL connection. I am looking forward to getting a Sonic fiber connection in the next few months which will help me leverage the next growth-step in my company. Sonic has been invaluable in helping my company thrive. Before I moved to Sonic, I was being charged nearly 5x higher Internet access costs for service of half the speed. As Internet is the highest single cost of running my company, Sonic's pricing model has been critical to my success.

Please do not dismantle the key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act that allow companies like Sonic to provide service to companies such as mine.

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